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Weak and Entropy Solutions to Nonlinear Elliptic Problems with Variable Exponent

We study the boundary value problem $-div(a(x, \nabla u)) = f(x, u)$ in Ω , $u = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$, where Ω is a smooth bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^N and $div(a(x, \nabla u))$ is a $p(x)$ -Laplace type operator. We obtain the existence and uniqueness of an entropy solution for L^1 -data f independent of u , the existence of weak energy solution for general data f dependent of u where the variable exponent $p(\cdot)$ is not necessarily continuous.

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